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REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 111(a), of pending prior international application Number PCT/ US03/09763, filed on 27 March 2003 and pending prior U.S. application number 10/486,807, filed 13 February 2004, entitled FLUID-ASSISTED MEDICAL DEVICES, SYSTEMS AND METHODS, which international application designated the United States.

1. ☒ Enclosed is the application as follows: 56 pages of specification, 34 claims and 39 sheet(s) of drawing(s).

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS:</b>				
34 -20	14	x	\$18.00	252.00
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>				
6 -3	3	x	\$86.00	258.00
			<b>BASIC FILING FEE:</b>	\$770.00
			<b>TOTAL FILING FEE:</b>	1,280.00

2. ☐ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,280.00 is enclosed.
4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
5. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: "This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/ US03/09763, filed 27 March 2003, ."

6. ☒ An unsigned declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 is enclosed.
7. ☐ A set of formal drawings ( sheets) is enclosed.
8. ☐ An Assignment of the invention to , Recordation Form Cover Sheet, and fee of \$ is enclosed.
9. ☐ Priority of foreign application number , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
10. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
11. ☒ Also Enclosed: Application Data Sheet, Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b) and a check in the amount of \$130 to cover the petition fee.
12. ☒ Return postcard

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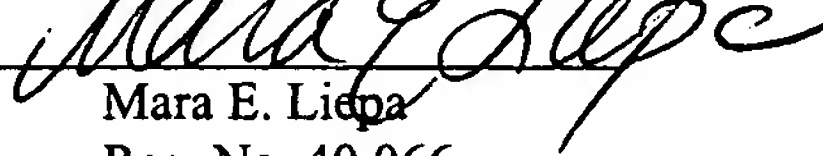
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